

Inauguration
of
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Fifth President
of
Essex County College

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Friday, October 22, 1982

Half after two o'clock

Mary B. Burch Auditorium

Essex County College

Newark, New Jersey



A. ZACHARY YAMBA was appointed President of Essex County College in February 1981 after nine months as acting chief executive.

Yamba joined the ECC faculty when the College opened in 1968. He attained the rank of Professor of Humanities and served in several key administrative posts including Director of Humanities, Dean of Faculty and Dean of Liberal Arts.

The resurgence of Essex County College reflects the firm commitment to quality that has marked Yamba's leadership. Since assuming the presidency, Yamba has instituted far-reaching reforms to restore the College's fiscal stability and academic integrity.

The Ghana-born educator holds bachelor and master degrees from Seton Hall University with a concentration in languages and education. He has done doctoral study at the University of Kansas, Rutgers University and Brunel University in London and holds Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Pacific States University.

Yamba graduated from Winneba Teacher Training College in Ghana and was a specialist teacher in mathematics, language and African history in his native country before beginning his undergraduate studies at Seton Hall.

Prior to his tenure at ECC, Yamba was an instructor of French at Seton Hall and an instructor of foreign languages at the University of Kansas. He has also served as an adjunct Professor of Foreign Languages at Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Fluent in seven languages, Yamba was the recipient of a three-year UNESCO Language Scholarship in 1969 and was awarded the Russell Scholarship for academic excellence from Rutgers University in 1968. Also recognized for his athletic accomplishments, Yamba was inducted into the Seton Hall University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980 for his outstanding performance on the soccer field.

Yamba is a member of numerous professional organizations including the Modern Language Association, African History and Literature Association and the New Jersey Association of Black Educators. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for African American Studies at Seton Hall University.

In recognition of his leadership at Essex County College, Yamba has been honored by many educational, community and civic organizations. He has been named "Man of the Year" by the NAACP - Oranges & Maplewood Branch, Frontiers International, and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. He has also been recognized for his educational achievements by the Leaguers, Inc. and the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council of the AFL-CIO.

About the College

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE was established in August 1966 as a two-year, public community college. Its first Board of Trustees was appointed in November 1966. Dr. Robert McCabe became the College's first President in May 1967. Dr. A. Zachary Yamba became the College's fifth President in March, 1981.

A 22-acre site was acquired from the Newark Housing Authority in 1967 for the College's permanent campus. During the architectural planning and construction of the new site, the former Newark campus of Seton Hall University at 31 Clinton Street served as temporary quarters. The College's first students began their studies at the Clinton Street site in October 1968.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Essex County College campus were held in June 1972. The Megastructure was officially occupied in April 1976 and dedicated the following September.

The College offers a full-range of educational opportunities at low tuition. Prescribed programs of study enable students to earn Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees and gain the necessary credentials for transfer to senior colleges and universities. The College also offers degree and certificate programs designed to prepare students for employment in career and technical fields. There are convenient day, evening and weekend classes during two 16-week semesters (fall and winter) and two 8-week terms (spring and summer).

Essex County College reaches out to the diverse communities it serves and answers the needs of its constituents. Programs for individual development are available through continuing and cooperative education, post-secondary vocational training, bilingual classes and basic skills improvement. Special educational services are offered for veterans, senior citizens and those seeking high school equivalency.

The College is an integral component of a revitalized downtown Newark, enrolling 6,000 full and part-time students at a magnificent urban campus in the center of one of the most exciting educational complexes in the metropolitan area.

The multi-level Megastructure is a versatile facility providing invaluable resources for learning and a unique public forum for lectures, concerts and exhibits. The climate-controlled unit contains more than 502,000 square feet and a three-block long structural core that opens to all levels and links all sections of the College.

The Megastructure serves as a focal point for community interests and cultural activities. This role is reinforced by the College's proximity to the adjacent county government complex and the campuses of Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. There is ample parking on College grounds and public transportation within walking distance.

The College's Phase II Building Project, which will include a physical education/gymnasium complex, has received approval from county and state agencies.

The Inaugural Program

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Essex County College Jazz Institute
Aaron Bell, Director
Faculty, Fine and Performing Arts
Division of Humanities

PROCESSIONAL

March from "Athalia"
(Mendelssohn)
Anatolijs Berzkalns, Organist
Faculty, Fine and Performing Arts
Division of Humanities

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

(Francis Scott Key)
Carolyn Mitchell
Alumna, Essex County College

INVOCATION

Most Reverend Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., D.D.
Episcopal Vicar of Essex County
Chairman of the Board, Greater Newark Urban Coalition

WELCOME

Edison O. Jackson
Vice President
Co-Chairperson, Inaugural Committee

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Thanks Be To Thee"
(Handel)
Essex County College Choir
Kathryn Hinton, Director
Anatolijs Berzkalns, Accompanist

The Installation of the Fifth President of Essex County College

Clara Dasher
Assistant to President, Newark Teachers Union
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The Inaugural Program

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From the College Staff Dorothy Jennings, President
Office Workers Association
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Operating Engineers, Local 68

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Gospel Prayer Chant"

(Robert Banks)

Essex County College Gospel Choir

Robert Banks, Director

Artist-In-Residence

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Gustave Henningburg

Host, "Positively Black" WNBC-TV

Former member, Essex County College Board of Trustees

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Founder/President, I.E.E.

Essex County College Choir

"Goin' Up Yonder"

(Walter Hawkins)

Kathryn Hinton, Director

Anatolijs Berzkalns, Accompanist

BENEDICTION

Most Reverend Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., D.D.

RECESSIONAL

"Trumpet Voluntary"

(Purcell)

Reception Immediately Following Inaugural

College Dining Hall - Second Level



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